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A Declaration of the Lords and Commons, concerning a paper directed by his Majesty to the Lord Major and Sheriffs of *London*, Dated *June* fourteenth, 1642.

Herras in a paper inscribed to our trusty and well-beloved the Lord Major, Aldermen and Sheriffs of the City of *London*, dated the fourteenth of *June* 1642. It is affirmed that great labour is used to perswade his Majesties Subjects to raise horse and to furnish money upon pretence of a Guard for the parliament, but intended to be imployed against

against his Majesty. The Lords and Commons do declare that the designe of those propositions is, as was formerly declared, to maintain the protestant Religion, the Kings authority and person in his Royall dignity, the free course of Justice, the Laws of the Land, the peace of the Kingdom and priviledges of Parliament against any force which shall oppose them. And they do further declare, that all the forces already raised by his Majesty and the preparation which his Majesty is now making of Arms, Horse and Ordinance from within his Kingdom & without, at first coloured under the pretence of a Guard, do evidently appeare to be intended for some great and extraordinary Designe, so they give just cause of fears and jealousies to the Parliament. And do fully justifie their Votes of the Kings intention of levying war against the Parliament, to be altogether free from any imputation of scandall as is injuriously cast upon them by that paper. For so long as his Majesty shall continue those levies and preparation. The Lords and Commons in parliament, having been so often threatned and reviled for their proceedings about *Hull*, and the *Militia*, so necessarily undertaken

taken for the good and peace of the Kingdom, they cannot be secured by his Majesties solemne protestation alone, expressed in this and other Declarations, That all his desires and purposes are for the publick peace, and that hee hath not the least thought of using force, except hee be compelled now for the defence of his person and protection of the laws; seeing his Majesty in a Declaration published at *Hewarth More*, doth interpret the protection of the laws in such a manner as giveth just and full occasion to believe, that by protecting the laws, his Majesty intendeth force upon or against those who shall submit to the Ordinance of the *Militia*, it appeares by divers expressions of his Majesty, hee hath discovered an intention of making some attempt upon *Hull*. And because in both which cases they do declare that whatsoever violence shall be used either against those who exercise this *Militia*, or against *Hull*, they cannot but take it as done against the parliament.

And whereas the Houses have upon loane received great summes of money for the service of *Ireland*, from the Companies of the City of *London*, (for which they give them great and

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hearte thankes) They doe declare that these summes shall be dispended as the former have beene to that only service. Notwithstanding an insinuation laying an aspersion upon them as if they had done otherwise. Further, whereas it is declared to the great reproach of the parliament, that the sums desired towards the raising of Horse and armes is contrived upon generall pretences by some few Factious persons we leave it to the World to judge how it is possible, the Houses should have all their members, seeing divers of them are by his Majesty summoned to *York*, and there contrary to the Lawes of the Land, and priviledges of Parliament detained, may be protected from the Iustice of both Houses.

And secondly, how that can possibly be called a Faction which is done by both Houses of Parliament, the greatest Court of *England*, the most faithfull Councell his Majesty hath. But at such language as this they wonder not, considering by what wicked counsell his Majesties affairs are guided, and by what maligoant spirits his Majesties affections to the parliament of late have bin misled.

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Both Houses well weighing the premisses do forbid any Majors, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, or other Officers whatsoever to publish or spread that paper as they will answer their contempt to the Parliament. And do assure themselves that neither his Majesties commands nor his threats will withdraw or deterr men well affected to the publique from doing their dutie, in contributing such money, horse and plate, as will bee necessary for the preserving the being of Parliament, the peace of the Kingdome, and those other ends before mentioned, for which they are desired. The dangerous and mischevous intentions of some about his Majestie being such, that whatsoever is most precious to men of conscience and honour, as religion, liberty, and publique safety, are like to bee over-whelmed and lost in the generall confusion and calamity of the Kingdome, which will not only question, but overthrow the Charter of the City of *London*, expose the Citizens, their Wives, and Children to violence and villany, and leave the wealth of that famous City, as a prey to those desperate and necessitous persons.

The Lords and Commons as they hope by this

this means those horrid Mischiefs may be prevented: So those of the Citie (which contribute hereunto) whereof none are so mean and base, as to deserve the reproches cast on them by that paper. And all his Majesties good Subjects may be assured that in doing their duty herein, they shall be protected and secured in their persons, Liberties, and Estates, by the power and authority of both Houses of Parliament, according to their former ingazements, which they will ever faithfully perform.

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